

## MAKES STATEMENT JUST BEFORE EXECUTION

### One of the Condemned Gunmen Declares Innocence and Blames Others

**SAYS THAT BECKER HAD  
NOTHING TO DO WITH CASE**

### His Statement Was Made Voluntarily, Says Warden of Prison

By Bulletin, Leased Wire.  
ALBANY, April 12.—Shortly before "Dago Frank" Cirioldi went to the death chair in Sing Prison early today he told Warden Clancy that "Dyp the Bird" Horowitz, "Lefty" Rosenbom and Harry Valloin, the informer, fired the shots which killed Herman Rosenthal, for which crime the four gunmen paid the penalty with their lives.

A formal statement of the warden follows:

"About 8 o'clock Sunday night Rosenbom asked me to save Frank, saying he had nothing to do with the shooting. He said he was there. I went over and asked Frank why he did not tell the truth. He replied that he knew what was going on, but was not sure. He was shouting out words and advised him to tell the whole story. He said if he did they would kill him."

brother. I asked whom he meant by 'they'; he replied that there were fifty men in New York he could name. He said, 'I don't care about myself, it's my family I care for.'

made the following, among other, statements, in the presence of myself, Principal Keeper McIntire, the chaplain, his mother and sister. They urged him to tell the whole truth. He hesitated and said:

"I don't want to make any statement for the public. I do not fear for myself, but I do fear for you."

"His sister recoiled. 'Don't have any

"He said, 'I was five miles away at the time. So far as I know Becker had nothing to do with the case.'"

**Told Lies on Stand.**

"He mentioned several raids on gambling houses and said that the story Shapiro told to Commissioner Doherty was true. He said, 'I told some lies on the stand to prove an alibi for the rest of the boys. The testimony about the conversation with the brother after the man down

those in the car on the way south town was not true. I was with "Bridge" Webber when the arrangements were made. I did not know just what the arrangements were. I knew something was coming off. I did not see Louie pack the trunk as I testified on the stand. There were guns there, but not the ones they used."

**Prepared for Murder.**  
The conversation then related to other matters not directly connected with the Rosenthal murder. He admitted his knowledge of and participation in the preparations of the murder but denied his presence

According to Mr. Clancey, practically everything that Cirofici said after he started to make his final statement was voluntary. His defence of Becker came absolutely without sign from any one, the warden maintained.

**BACK FROM VIRGINIA**

OTTAWA, April 12.—Hon. Sam Hughes, minister of militia, returned today from a visit to the battlefields of Virginia. The minister was accompanied by several officers of the headquarters staff, including Colonel Victor Williams, adjutant-general.

**TODAY'S NEWS AT A  
GLANCE**

**EDMONTON**  
Immigrants from British Isles are expected for Peace River valley.  
**BRITISH**  
Holiday spirit is pervading London. Richard Shaw and audacious amateur boxer, George Mitchell, have centre of the stage.  
Prince Arthur of Connaught may be the first victor of Ireland.

**UNITED STATES**  
 Condemned gunman, "Dago" Frank  
 Cipycki, defends Becker, whom he excu-  
 sates from killing of Herman Rosenthal.

**FOREIGN**  
 Extraordinary scenes in Easter festivi-  
 ties in Italy. Clergy and monks are at-  
 tacked. Archbishop makes escape when  
 infuriated mob threatens to "create a  
 tumult."  
 Paris dancing masters attack the tango  
 as "immoral."

Italian government is preparing for possible strike on railways of Italy.  
Russian Jews are again threatened with persecution as result of agitation by the Black Hundred.  
Bubonic plague is reported to be spreading in Havana.  
Mexican commander at Tampico is told that he must salute American flag or there will be further developments in connection with arrest of American marines.

President Huerta appeals for aid to his  
 uplift movement. Asks millionaires of  
 Mexico to help him clothe the poor.  
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